

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An appliqué adapted for use in an instrument, instrument cluster or instrument panel of an automotive vehicle, the appliqué comprising a sheet form member having an obverse side and a reverse side and comprising a plastics material, the sheet form member comprising:

at least one substantially planar portion having an obverse area on the obverse side and a reverse area on the reverse side;

at least one rim or ring portion integrally formed with the or the respective at least one substantially planar portion, the or each at least one rim portion forming a closed shape which encloses the or the respective at least one substantially planar portion;

a further substantially planar portion having a further obverse area on the obverse side and a further reverse area on the reverse side, the or each further substantially planar portion being integrally formed with the or the respective at least one rim portion, the further substantially planar portion surrounding the or the respective at least one rim portion;

the at least one rim portion protruding from the or the respective obverse area and from the further obverse area by a height of ~~at least 4mm~~ at least 4 mm, and the at least one rim portion being recessed from the or the respective reverse area and further reverse area, and wherein

the or each at least one rim portion is of a first colour and the or the respective substantially planar portion is of a second colour different to the first colour.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 1, wherein the further substantially planar portion is of the second colour.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein the first colour is silver or chrome and the second colour is black.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein there are provided at least two rim portions at least one of said rim portions having a height of at least 4 mm from the respective obverse area and a further obverse area common to each of the at least two rim portions.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein there are provided two rim portions, each having a height of at least 4 mm from the obverse side, the two portions being located side by side.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein an ink coating is applied to a surface of at least one rim portion, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved in a high temperature resin base.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the height of the at least one rim portion is between 4 mm
and 9 mm.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the height of the at least one rim portion is 4 mm to 7.5 mm.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the height of the at least one rim portion is 6.5 mm.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the closed shape is selected from one of: substantially
circular, oval or elliptical.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the or each substantially planar portion is provided with dial
chapelets.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one rim portion comprises a first wall, a second
wall, a top part and an open base part.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in claim 12, wherein the base part of the at least one rim portion has a width from an outer-most side of the second wall to an inner-most side of the first wall ~~from 5mm to 9mm~~ from 5 mm to 9 mm.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~either of claims 12 or 13~~ claim 12, wherein the first wall is convex in shape when viewed from the obverse side of the sheet form member.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 12 to 14~~ claim 12, wherein the first wall of the at least one rim portion comprises part of a circle having a radius of 10 mm to 20 mm.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 12 to 15~~ claim 12, wherein the second wall of the at least one rim portion is substantially vertical.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 12 to 15~~ claim 12, wherein the second wall is inclined at a shallow angle to the top part of the respective at least one rim portion.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 12 to 17~~ claim 12, wherein the first wall protrudes more from the obverse side than the second wall does from the obverse side, and the top part comprises part of a circle having a radius of 0.5 mm.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the sheet form member is provided with a pressure sensitive adhesive coated on the reverse side.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein a spacing between outer-most walls of adjacent rim portions is 45 mm to 50 mm.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 2 to 24~~ claim 2, wherein the at least one substantially planar portion and the further substantially planar portion have a thickness of between 0.25 mm and 0.5 mm.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the plastics material substantially comprises polycarbonate or ABS.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the plastics material comprises a blend of polycarbonate and poly-butylene-terraphthalate (PBT).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the sheet form member is provided with a printed design.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 24,
wherein the printed design is provided by printing on the obverse side and on the
reverse side of the sheet form member.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the sheet form member is a laminate comprising two or more
layers laminated together.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any preceding~~
~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein an ink coating is provided on the at least one rim portion, such
as an obverse surface thereof, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved
in a high temperature resin base.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 27,
wherein the high temperature resin base has a softening temperature of above
160°C.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~either of~~
~~claims 27 or 28~~ claim 27, wherein the resin base for the ink coating is a dissolved
plastics material or acrylic cellulose acetate butyrate.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~claims 29~~
claim 29, wherein the plastics material is a copolycarbonate which is a combination
of bisphenol A (4,4'-isopropylidenediphenol) and bisphenol TMC
(trimethylenecyclohexane bisphenol).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~either of~~
~~claims 29 or 30~~ claim 29, wherein the plastics material is dissolved in a
non-halogenated solvent.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 27~~
~~to 34~~ claim 27, wherein the high temperature resin based ink contains a chrome
and/or aluminium pigment.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~claims 32~~
claim 32, wherein the pigment comprises particles or flakes having an average size
in the range of 5 microns to 55 microns in diameter or length.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 27~~
~~to 33~~ claim 27, wherein the ink coating forms a closed shape, the closed shape
optionally being annular, oval or elliptical.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): An appliqué as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 26~~ claim 1, wherein an ink coating is provided on the at least one rim portion, such as an obverse surface thereof, a pigment of an ink of the ink coating being dissolved in an acrylic cellulose acetate butyrate resin base.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): An appliqué as claimed in claim 35, wherein the pigment comprises particles or flakes having an average size in the range of 5 microns to 55 microns in diameter or length.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A component for an automotive vehicle comprising an appliqué according to any of ~~claims 1 to 36~~ claim 1.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): A component as claimed in claim 37, wherein the component comprises an instrument, instrument cluster, instrument panel, gauge or control assembly for an automotive vehicle.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): A component as claimed in ~~either of claims 37 or 38~~ claim 37, wherein the component further comprises a rigid backing part having the appliqué mounted thereto.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A component as claimed in claim 39, wherein the appliqué is moulded to the backing part.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): A component as claimed in claim 39, wherein the appliqué is glued or clipped to the backing part.

~~Claim 41~~ **Claim 42 (Currently Amended):** A component as claimed in ~~any of claims 39 to 41~~ claim 39, wherein the backing part is made from a plastics material such as polycarbonate or ABS.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): An automotive vehicle including an appliqué according to ~~any of claims 1 to 36~~ claim 1.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): A method of forming an appliqué according to ~~any of claims 1 to 36~~ claim 1, the method comprising the steps of providing a substantially planar sheet; and forming the at least one rim portion on said substantially planar sheet.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the rim portion(s) is/are formed by a forming process comprising pressure forming.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the rim portion(s) are formed by a forming process comprising match metal forming.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the rim portion(s) are formed by a forming process comprising cold forming.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): A method as claimed in ~~any of claims 44 to 47~~ claim 44, wherein the method includes the step of applying to at least one area of a reverse side of the substantially planar sheet an ink, the at least one area then being formed into the at least one rim portion.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): A method of manufacturing an appliqué adapted for use in an instrument, instrument cluster or instrument panel of an automotive vehicle as hereinbefore described with reference to Figures 1 to 7.

Claims 50-51 (Cancelled)